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The reply filed on 5/15/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The amendment is confusing and fails to follow 37 CFR 1.121. The amendment directs cancellation of claim 16 and subsequently presents claim 16 as "thrice amended". The amendment directs amendment of "claims 1, 17, 18, 20, 23 as follows" and then presents claims 16 and 19 as each "thrice amended". Marked up versions of claims 16 and 19 show no changes in claims 16 and 19. Status of claims 16 and 19 is unclear.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David A Saunders, PhD whose telephone number is 703-308-3976.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan, can be reached on (703) 308-3973. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0196.

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